

## Message Text

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ACTION SCS-06

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R 141140Z AUG 78  
FM AMEMBASSY JIDDA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3009  
INFO USLO RIYADH  
AMCONSUL DHAHRAN

UNCLAS JIDDA 5930

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: CDES, SA  
SUBJ: REVISED FORMAT FOR DIRECT RELAY NOTIFICATION OF DEATH TELEGRAMS

REF: STATE 199909

1. IN ALMOST EVERY SINGLE INSTANCE INVOLVING A DEATH CASE IN SAUDI ARABIA, THE EMPLOYER HAS PAID FOR ALL ASSOCIATED COSTS FOR SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO U.S. THE COST OF RETURNING REMAINS TO U.S. HAS NOT BEEN A SIGNIFICANT FACTOR FOR FAMILY OF DECEASED. ALTHOUGH LOCAL BURIAL IS POSSIBLE, FORMAT OF REFTEL MUST BE ALTERED.

2. PAR. 3 OF THE CASUALTY MESSAGE IN REFTEL WOULD BE MIS-LEADING IN SAUDI ARABIA... "THE CONSULAR OFFICER AND LOCAL OFFICIALS WILL TAKE EVERY POSSIBLE CARE TO FOLLOW YOUR WISHES AS TO CEREMONY AND SITE OF BURIAL".

3. THERE IS NO NON-MUSLIM CEMETERY IN RIYADH AND THE ARAMCO CEMETERY IN DHAHRAN IS FOR ARAMCO EMPLOYEES ONLY. JIDDA DOES HAVE SMALL NON-MUSLIM CEMETERY.

4. WE PROPOSE TO ADOPT FOLLOWING TEXT IF DEPT. HAS NO OBJECTION, .." SAUDI LAW REQUIRES A DECISION REGARDING DISPOSITION OF REMAINS WITHIN 24 HOURS. MOST AMERICANS  
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WHO DIE ABROAD ARE BURIED ABROAD. SHOULD YOU DECIDE TO HAVE BRUIAL TAKE PLACE IN SAUDI ARABIA, THE CONSULAR OFFICER WILL ARRANGE FOR BURIAL IN THE NON-MUSLIM CEMETERY IN JIDDA."

5. POST BELIEVES THAT MODIFICATION OF PAR. 3 REFTEL WILL PLACE BURIAL IN PROPER PERSPECTIVE FOR SAUDI ARABIA.

BURIAL COSTS FOR RIYADH AND DHAHRAN WILL HAVE TO REFLECT  
TRANSPORTATION COST TO JIDDA.  
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